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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS DENIES PLAN TO CEDE AGALEGA ISLANDS TO INDIA, BUT ISSUE SHOWS MAURITIAN SUBORDINATION

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Classified By: DCM Stephen Schwartz. Reason: 1.4 (b/d)

[¶1. \(C\) Summary: Mauritian officials deny any intention to cede Agalega islands to India, as alleged in an Indian newspaper report. They have s](#)

[/// MAURITIANS DENY PLAN TO CEDE ISLANDS ///](#)

[¶2. \(U\) Mauritian newspapers have been filled with speculation over a report in The Times of India on November 25, 2006 that negotiations have](#)

[¶3. \(U\) Ramgoolam said that he asked Prime Minister Singh in October 2005 in New Delhi and President Kalam in March 2006 in Mauritius for India](#)

[/// SPECULATION ON INDIA,S HIDDEN AGENDA ///](#)

[¶4. \(U\) Notwithstanding official denials, Mauritian commentators continue to suspect that India wants to use Agalega for strategic purposes, pc](#)

[¶5. \(C\) Ramgoolam,s top two aides, his Chief of Staff Kailash Ruhee and the Secretary for Home Affairs Raj Mudhoo, have told the Embassy that t](#)

[/// OIL PROSPECTS? ///](#)

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[¶6. \(C\) Oil is another possibility. An article on November 30 in L'express newspaper cited several differing views of Texaco,s 1975 exploration](#)

[/// AGALEGA,S FRAGILE ECOLOGY ///](#)

[¶7. \(C\) The size and activities of a new foreign presence in Agalega would have to be limited or all-inclusive. Mauritius, Commissioner of Poli](#)

[¶8. \(SBU\) On the other extreme, the Mauritian government has approved a preliminary project proposal from the South African firm Arcon for Agal](#)

[/// COMMENT: INDIA CALLS THE SHOTS ///](#)

[¶9. \(C\) Comment: Whether or not India has any strategic designs on Agalega, this issue has shown the Mauritian public the extent of their count](#)

[¶10. \(C\) The post-Cold War period changed the circumstances of the relationship. Indian diplomats say they have worked hard over the last five](#)

[¶11. \(C\) India,s domination of this relationship is skewed further by Mauritius, sense of economic vulnerability. This stems from the EU,s 2005](#)

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[¶12. \(C\) In the past five years, Indian money and labor built the two most modern showcase buildings in the country, the Swami Vivekananda Conf](#)

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